

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Friday, February 3, 2017 • 7:59 am • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Staff Present:

Mr. Hector R. Zumaeta Santiago, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Christensen assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

2. Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

3. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Mr. Jason Mattis, Executive Director, Downtown Alliance, spoke to the Medicaid issue.
Ms. Kortney Bell, citizen, spoke to the Medicaid issue.

4. Annual Report on Health Coverage Improvement Program

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health (DOH) and Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH presented about Medicaid expansion. Rep. Redd asked for clarification. Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about additional funds the Legislature could allocate this year. Rep. Kennedy asked if PCM families will be added. Chair Christensen asked if Utah needs to get a waiver approved for this to be finalized. Rep. Redd asked when the waiver could be approved. Mr. Checketts and Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, responded to questions.

5. How Mental Health Is Funded in Utah

Mr. Frandsen and Mr. Checketts discussed the report. Mr. Doug Thomas, Division Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) discussed the program. Co-chair

Christensen asked if all the counties match 20 percent and stated that some over-match the 20 percent. Rep. Redd asked for clarification of what would happen if a county cannot make the match. Chair Christensen asked if children under age 21 are in the State Hospital. Mr. Thomas responded to questions.

8. Performance Audit of Medicaid Prescription Drug Controls

Mr. John Dougall, State Auditor, Office of the Utah State Auditor and Mr. Nick Purse, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Utah State Auditor discussed the report. Chair Christensen, Rep. Redd, and Rep. Ward spoke to the issue of deceased prescribers. Rep. Hollins asked about the opioid death rates in Idaho compared to Utah. Mr. Dougall did not have the reason why Idaho's death rate is lower than Utah. Chair Christensen asked the auditor for conclusions. Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about patterns of youth suicide. Mr. Dougall and Mr. Thomas responded to questions.

8-OSA Medicaid Audit Presentation 2-1-17

6. SB 180 Update - Medicaid Reform

Mr. Checketts presented with the assistance of Ms. Emma Chacon, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH. Rep. Ward spoke to the issue.

6-Medicaid Member Guide - ACO Counties

7. Measuring Success of Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations

Mr. Checketts, Mr. Nate Talley, Human Resource Management, Governor's Office of Management and Budget Agency, and Ms. Chacon discussed the program. Rep. Kennedy asked about HEDIS response to pain management. Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about reports by ethnicity. Ms. Chacon and Mr. Checketts responded to questions.

7-ACO Quality Update - 1-18-2017

9. Medicaid Spending Statewide - Issue Brief

Mr. Frandsen explained the issue brief. Rep. Kennedy asked for the total fund budget amount. Mr. Frandsen responded.

9-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Medicaid Spending Statewide

10. Budget coordination between programs for efficiency and effectiveness

Ms. Kathy Bounous, Director of Legal Counsel, Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS) discussed

coordination between their departments.

11. Effective interventions for Intergenerational Poverty

Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, DWS discussed the program.

Intergenerational Poverty Legislative Presentation

12. Report on General Fund Diverted From Workforce Development Division

Chair Christensen decided to not discuss this report at length.

13. Follow up on move of USOR - make sure people's needs are being met and audit

Mr. Pierpont discussed the program.

12a-Report on General Fund Diverted From Workforce Development Division
DSW-USOR presentation

Mr. Darin Brush, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) discussed the report. Rep. Albrecht spoke to the issue. Rep. Chavez-Houck stressed the need to continually monitor the plan. She also encouraged public comment.

14. Independent Living Centers 2016 Interim - Issue Brief

Mr. Hector Zumaeta Santiago, Fiscal Analyst, explained the issue brief. Chair Christensen spoke to the issue.

14a-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Independent Living Centers

15. Building Block Lists (Distribute Lists)

The building block list is not ready yet. It will be available on Monday.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to adjourn. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.